CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation;

Phil. 2:5 Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

INTRO. In your personal religion, upon what are you placing the greater emphasis? upon the things about Jesus or upon the things of Jesus? Upon the things concerning his birth, his place in the Trinity, his miracles, his baptism, etc., or upon his intimacy and fellowship with God, his loving Father, upon his purity, his unselfishness, his sacrifice, his spiritual values concerning the things of life, his great love for all men? The one makes Xty a religion about Jesus, and the otehre makes it a religion of Jesus. The one is theology, the other is Life.

The things about Jesus are very interesting and very helpful to our understanding of Him, but we must ever bear in mind that they are not the vital things of Jesus. Our scientific theories concerning the sun are intensely interesting and very helpful to us in our knowing about the sun, but the great vital blessing we receive from the sun is its light and heat.

In our consideration of the Christ we shall endeavor to set forth what we believe to be the vital things of Jesus- his spirit and love, his attitudes towards God and man, his reverence for personality and knowledge of human values, his unselfish service to others, his magnaniminty and courage and simplicity and since ity.

This a.m. we can hope barely to get started. One who lived long before Jesus time said, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." One's mental states determine largely what he is. To understand the mind is to know the man. An acquaintance with the mental attitudes of Jesus Christ will bive us quite an insight to his personality.

But I find that he is so great in his mind that my own cannot grasp him adequately. I am like listening to a grand opera- I appreciate the wonderful music but know nothing about it. However, In my limited way I shall endeavor to point out some of the mental attitudes of the Master so as to enable you to further develop them and see for yourself and for the training of your own mind just what the mind of Jesus is and what it signifies for us today.

I. The mind of Jesus was in harmony with the mind of God and with the universe in which he lived and with the all nature.

Jesus was perfectly at home with God

He understood and interpreted nature as no other man has ever done.

He understood his own "self" and the "self" of others. Life was not the hidden mystery that it is to the rest of us. Jesus sensed the forces of life and understood their directions

2. Consequently the approach Jesus made to men was both natural and simple.

Jesus seemed to be free from the influences of distorted and warped ideas of men's inheritance, free from the prejudices and customs of an unthinking humanity.

Against all such influences the mind of Jesus was absolute proof. His mind moved freely in the one self-determined direction, towards the one goal of his life- to give to mankind the more abundant life of God.

"I came that ye might have life and have it mor abundantly".

Consequently his approach to men was so natural and simple that the common people heard him gladly and he spoke as one having authority.

3. The mind of Jesus was also flexible in its outreaching The Apostle Paul tried to be all things to all men tha he might bring some to a saving knowledge of Christ. Jesus actually approached all classes and kinds of people with a sympathy and understanding that enabled him to lift them up to God and set them in the ways of righteousness.

Like Damascus steel- he could bend without breaking, but his word was sharper than any two-edged sword and penetrated to the inmost soul.

CONCLUSION: Was Jesus a fundamentalist or a liberal? Radical or conservative? Heretical or orthodox?